

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of providing at a processing station an indication of a minimal price for an event, including the steps of:

providing prices for the event at the processing station from a plurality of sources including a global distribution system and non-global distribution sources,

providing a display screen, and

providing the prices from the global distribution system and the non-global distribution sources through the internet to the display screen for the display of the prices on the display screen.

2. In a method as set forth in claim 1 wherein

the prices from the global distribution system and the non-global distribution sources pass through an internet router after passing through the internet and before being introduced to the display screen.

3. In a method as set forth in claim 1 wherein

the event is an airline flight on a specified day from a first specified locality to a second specified locality.

4. In a method as set forth in claim 1 wherein
the sources include airlines within the global distribution system and airlines not
within the global distribution system.

5. In a method as set forth in claim 3 wherein
the prices from the global distribution system and the non-global distribution
sources pass through an internet router after passing through the internet and before being
introduced to the display screen and wherein
the sources include airlines within the global distribution system and airlines not
within the global distribution system.

6. A method as set forth in claim 2 wherein
the prices are prices of hotel chains.

7. A method as set forth in claim 2 wherein
the prices are prices of car rental companies.

8. A method as set forth in claim 2 wherein
the prices are prices of cruise line companies.

9. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein
a printer at the processing station prints a ticket selected from the global
distribution system and non-global distribution sources for the event.
10. A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein
a printer at the processing station prints a ticket selected from the global
distribution system and the non-global distribution sources for the event.
11. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein
an accounting application at the processing station provides an accounting of the
ticket printed at the processing station and selected from the global distribution system and the
non-global distribution sources for the event.
12. A method as set forth in claim 10 wherein
an accounting application at the processing station provides an accounting of the
ticket printed at the processing station and selected from the global distribution system and the
non-global distribution sources for the event.

13. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein

the global distribution system provides specifics for the event including the flight number, the time of departure from the starting position and the time of arrival at the destination.

14. A method of providing at a processing station an indication of a minimal price for an event, including the steps of:

providing prices for the event from sources including a legacy distribution system and non-legacy distribution sources,

passing the prices for the event from the sources including the legacy distribution system and the non-legacy distribution sources through the internet, and

providing a display on a display screen of the prices passing through the internet from the legacy distribution system and the non-legacy distribution sources for the event.

15. A method as set forth in claim 14 wherein

the prices from the sources including the prices from the legacy distribution system and the non-legacy distribution sources for the event pass through an internet router after passing through the internet and before passing to the display screen.

16. A method as set forth in claim 14 wherein
the special prices are prices of airline tickets on a specified day from an
originating location to a destination.
17. A method as set forth in claim 16 wherein
the sources provide air fares selected from the legacy distribution system and the
non-legacy distribution sources for the event.
18. A method as set forth in claim 17 wherein
the prices are prices offered by hotel chains.
19. A method as set forth in claim 17 wherein
the prices are prices offered by car rental agencies.
20. A method as set forth in claim 17 wherein
the prices are prices offered by cruise line operators.

21. A method as set forth in claim 18 wherein

the prices from the legacy distribution system and the non-legacy distribution sources for the event pass through an internet router after passing through the internet and before passing to the display screen.

22. A method as set forth in claim 19 wherein

the prices from the legacy distribution system and the non-legacy distribution sources for the event pass through an internet router after passing through the internet and before passing to the display screen.

23. A method as set forth in claim 19 wherein

the prices from the legacy distribution system and the non-legacy distribution sources for the event pass through an internet router after passing through the internet and before passing to the display screen.

24. A method as set forth in claim 14 wherein

a printer at the processing station prints a ticket selected from the legacy distribution system and the non-legacy distribution sources for the event.

25. A method as set forth in claim 17 wherein

a printer at the processing station prints a ticket selected from the legacy distribution system and the non-legacy distribution sources for the event.

26. A method as set forth in claim 14 wherein

an accounting application at the processing station provides an accounting of the ticket printed at the processing station and selected from the legacy distribution system and the non-legacy distribution sources for the event.

27. A method as set forth in claim 25 wherein

an accounting application at the processing station provides an accounting of the ticket printed at the processing station and selected from the legacy distribution system and the non-legacy distribution sources for the event.

28. A method as set forth in claim 26 wherein

an accounting application at the processing station provides an accounting of the ticket printed at the processing station and selected from the legacy distribution system and the non-legacy distribution sources for the event.

29. A method of providing at a processing station an indication of a minimal price for an event, including the steps of:

providing requests from the processing station through the internet to the legacy servers and the non-legacy servers of prices for the event,

5 providing prices and specifics of the event from the legacy servers and non-legacy servers through the internet to the processing stations, and

displaying on a display screen at the processing station the prices and the specifics from the legacy servers and non-legacy servers for the event.

30. A method as set forth in claim 29 wherein
the prices from the legacy servers and the non-legacy servers pass through an internet router from the internet to the display.

31. A method as set forth in claim 29 wherein
the request from the processing station specified the event and the day of the event
and wherein

the specifics from the legacy servers and the non-legacy servers identify the event
5 and specify the time of the event during the specified date and specify the price for the event and
wherein

the display shows the specifics set forth by the legacy servers and the non-legacy servers to the display.

32. A method as set forth in claim 29 wherein

the event is an occupancy of a room in a hotel on a particular date and the sources are rooms in hotel chains.

33. A method as set forth in claim 29 wherein

the event is a rental of a car on a particular date and the sources are car rental agencies.

34. A method as set forth in claim 28 wherein

the event is an occupancy of a room in a cruise line on a particular date and the sources are cruise line operators.

35. A method of providing at a processing station an indication of a minimal price for an event, including the steps of:

providing from the processing station to legacy servers and non-legacy servers through the internet a request specifying the day of the event,

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providing from the legacy servers and the non-legacy servers through the internet to the processing station information specifying the time of the event during the specified date and specifying the price for the event, and

providing on a display at the processing station the specifics set forth by the legacy servers and the non-legacy servers to the display.

36. A method as set forth in claim 35 wherein

the event is an occupancy of a room in a hotel on a specified date and the sources are hotel chains.

37. A method as set forth in claim 35 wherein

the event is a rental of a car on a specified date and the source is a car rental agency.

38. A method as set forth in claim 35 wherein

the event is an occupancy of a room in a cruise line on a specified date and the sources are cruise line operators.

39. A method of providing at a processing station an indication of a minimal price for an event on a particular date, including the steps of:

providing requests from the processing station through the internet to sources including a global distribution system and non-global distribution sources of prices and specifics
5 for the event,

providing from the sources, including the global distribution system and the non-global distribution sources, through the internet to the processing stations the prices and specifics for the event, and

displaying on a display screen at the processing station the prices and the specifics from the global distribution system and the non-global distribution sources for the event.

40. A method as set forth in claim 37 wherein
the event is a trip on a specified day and the specifics provided for the event by the sources include the time of departure by a carrier during the specified day and the time of arrival of the carrier at the destination and the flight number and the price.

41. In a method of providing at a processing station an indication of a minimal price for an event, the steps of:

providing through the internet from the processing station to non-legacy servers a request for information concerning the event where the date and specifics of the event are
5 specified,

providing through the internet from non-legacy servers information fulfilling the request and specifying the times on the particular date for the event and specifying the price for the event and specifying the identification of the event by the non-legacy servers to the processing station, and

10 providing a display at the processing station of the information provided through the internet from the non-legacy servers to the processing station.

42. In a method as set forth in claim 41 wherein
the event is an airplane trip and wherein
the specifics requested by the processing station concerning the event include the date of the trip and the originating position and the destination and wherein
the information provided by the non-legacy sources includes the airline providing the transportation, the date of the event, the originating position, the destination, the time of departure from the starting position, the time of arrival at the destination and the price for the event.